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## EDUCATION

### **U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education Talent Search**

**Program:** The Department of Education will provide funding for a wide variety of activities to encourage at-risk middle and high school age students to complete high school and enter a college or university.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$142,100,000  
Maximum grant size: \$702,000  
Number of awards: 464

**Deadline:** December 28, 2010

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and local education agencies

**Information:** Geraldine Smith or ReShone Moore, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006-8510, telephone: (202) 502-7600, email: [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov), link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-27732.htm>

### **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Next Generation Learning Challenges**

**Program:** In partnership with the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, League of Innovation in the Community College, International Association for K-12 Online Learning, and the Council of Chief State School Officers, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced the Next Generation Learning Challenges, a collaborative, multiyear initiative that aims to improve college readiness and college completion through the innovative use of technology. The program will provide grants to organizations and innovators to expand promising technology tools to more students, teachers, and schools. The nonprofit Educause, which works to advance higher education through the use of information technology, will lead the initiative. The program has released the first of a series of Requests for Proposals to solicit funding proposals for technology applications that can improve postsecondary education. Applicants with top-rated proposals will receive funds to expand their programs and demonstrate effectiveness in serving larger numbers of students. The first-wave RFP seeks proposals that address four specific challenges:

- 1) Increasing the use of blended learning models, which combine face-to-face instruction with online learning activities;
- 2) Deepening students' learning and engagement through use of interactive applications, such as digital games, interactive video, immersive simulations, and social media;
- 3) Supporting the availability of high-quality open courseware, particularly for high-enrollment introductory classes like math, science, and English, which

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- often have low rates of student success; and
- 4) Helping institutions, instructors, and students benefit from learning analytics, which can monitor student progress in real-time and customize proven supports and interventions.

Proposals may address one or a combination of these challenge areas. All proposals must demonstrate how they target postsecondary students; the foundation will give preference to proposals focusing on low-income young adults under age 26. The second round of funding, tentatively set to be announced early 2011, will focus on college readiness and the needs of students in grades 9 to 12.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$20 million  
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$750,000

**Deadline:** November 19, 2010 for pre-proposals

**Eligible:** Postsecondary institutions, taxable and tax-exempt organizations, and U.S. federal, state, and local government entities

**Information:** Educause, 4772 Walnut Street, Suite 206, Boulder, CO 80301-2538, email: [info@nextgenlearning.org](mailto:info@nextgenlearning.org), links: <http://nextgenlearning.org/the-grants> and [www.gatesfoundation.org/postsecondaryeducation/Documents/nextgenlearning.pdf](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/postsecondaryeducation/Documents/nextgenlearning.pdf)

### **Lumina Foundation for Education**

#### **Grants to Support Higher Education Attainment**

**Program:** The overarching goal of the Lumina Foundation for Education is to increase the higher education attainment rate in the United States to 60% by 2025. This will represent an increase of 23 million graduates. While the mission focuses on both student access and success in higher education, the emphasis is on attainment, defined as completing associate and baccalaureate degrees and credentials. The foundation recently released an updated version of its *A Stronger Nation*, a report on the progress being made on its goal. The report finds that the gap between current performance and need is closing, but not quickly enough to meet the goal. Lumina Foundation supports efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of higher education, improve student access to and preparedness for college, improve student success in college and increase productivity across the higher education system. Potential applicants preparing letters of intent should be aware of the foundation's following two recommendations to meet the 2025 goal: increase the rate at which students complete college; and provide ways for adults in the workforce to return to college to complete degrees.

**Funds:** Average grant: \$250,000

**Deadline:** Ongoing for letters of interest

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and public organizations

**Information:** Lumina Foundation for Education, P.O. Box 1806, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1806, telephone: (317)951- 5300, link: [www.luminafoundation.org/grants/](http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/)

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

### **Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program**

**Program:** The Department of Agriculture manages this grant program with the goal of to promoting and strengthening agriscience and agribusiness education in grades kindergarten to 14.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$1 million  
Maximum grant size: \$300,000

**Deadline:** January 18, 2011

**Eligible:** Local education agencies and institutes of higher education

**Information:** SPECA Program, US Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 720-1973, email: [SPEC@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:SPEC@nifa.usda.gov), link: [www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/2011\\_secondary\\_education.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/2011_secondary_education.pdf)

## **GIRLS**

### **United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley**

#### **Today's Girls...Tomorrow's Leaders Initiative**

**Program:** United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley has announced the opportunity to apply for grants through the Today's Girls...Tomorrow's Leaders Initiative. United Way seeks to ensure that girls, ages seven to 18, develop the knowledge, skills, and leadership they need to succeed. The initiative supports out-of-school time programs and providers through a network of community-based organizations and resources to effectively meet the needs of girls and funds the following:

- Existing programs that have outcome measurements for the past two or more years;
- Community-based organizations with a proven track record in offering girl-specific or female gender-sensitive, co-educational programming for girls ages seven to 18; and
- Programs that are aligned with Today's Girls...Tomorrow's Leaders' priorities.

**Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$25,000

**Deadline:** December 1, 2010

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

**Information:** Bithiah Carter, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, 51 Sleeper Street, Boston MA 02210, telephone: (617) 624-8243, email: [bcarter@supportunitedway.org](mailto:bcarter@supportunitedway.org), link: <http://bit.ly/dedyVA>

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## HEALTH

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

#### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Affordable Care Act Family Professional Partnership/Family-To-Family Health Information and Education Centers

- Program:** This program will provide grants to help families with special needs children learn about health care choices, especially those relating to health insurance.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$3,900,000  
Maximum grant size: \$95,700  
Number of awards: 41
- Deadline:** December 15, 2010
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies
- Information:** LaQuanta Person, Health Resources and Services Administration, telephone: (301) 443-2372, email: [lperson@hrsa.gov](mailto:lperson@hrsa.gov), link: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=673E9C9F-4D59-4527-87F1-099F17953414&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup=>

### American Dental Association

#### Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health Grants Program

- Program:** The ADA Foundation Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health is a permanent endowment fund dedicated to the prevention of childhood tooth decay and oral health promotion and education. The Harris Fund awards competitive grants to support programs that are designed to improve and maintain children's oral health through primary prevention and education. For the 2009 program year, the program will award to organizations that sponsor prenatal and postnatal oral health instruction for mothers and caregivers to help reduce the incidence of early childhood tooth decay, encouraging collaboration among dentistry, health professionals, and the social service communities.
- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$5,000  
Number of awards: eight to ten
- Deadline:** January 8, 2010
- Eligible:** Community-based, non-profit, oral health and early childhood caries prevention education programs
- Information:** Ms. Rose Famularo, ADA Foundation – Harris Fund, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2616, telephone: (312) 440-2763, email: [famularor@ada.org](mailto:famularor@ada.org), website: [www.adafoundation.org](http://www.adafoundation.org)

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## **NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Achieve**

#### **Grants to Support Nonprofit Fundraising**

**Program:** Achieve, an Indianapolis-based consulting firm that provides fundraising, strategic planning, and management counsel to nonprofit organizations, is offering service grants to nonprofit organizations seeking assistance with fundraising.

**Funds:** Number of awards: seven

**Deadline:** November 12, 2010

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

**Information:** Achieve, 233 McCrea Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46225, telephone: (317) 637-3000, email: [info@achieveguidance.com](mailto:info@achieveguidance.com), link: <http://www.achieveguidance.com/page/grants>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **U.S. Department of Transportation**

#### **Federal Transit Administration**

#### **Transit Livability Performance Measures**

**Program:** The Federal Transit Administration will provide funds to develop measures of how well transit systems meet the needs of people in the communities they serve.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$300,000  
Maximum grant size: \$125,000  
Number of awards: three

**Deadline:** November 30, 2010

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and institutions of higher education

**Information:** Keith Gates, Office of Budget & Policy (TBP-10), Room E52-329, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone: (202) 366-1794, email: [keith.gates@dot.gov](mailto:keith.gates@dot.gov), link: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA-2011-001-LPM-TBP.pdf>

## **WOMEN**

### **J. Jill Compassion Fund**

#### **Community Grants to Support Women in Need**

**Program:** The J. Jill Compassion Fund, the giving effort of the women's clothing chain, provides grants to community-based organizations supporting poor and homeless women. The fund supports job training, education, and transitional and affordable housing

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for women in need. The fund seeks programs that break down barriers for women in crisis to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. Priority is given to programs that have established a relationship with local J. Jill managers and employees. The fund provides support for general operating expenses, with support for programs limited to the expansion or enhancement of existing programs, rather than the funding of new programs.

- Funds:** Total funds available: approximately \$ 2 million  
Number of awards: approximately 30
- Deadline:** November 30, 2009
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit, community-based organizations and national organizations with local affiliates serving women in need
- Information:** J. Jill Compassion Fund, The Boston Foundation, email: [compassionfund@jjill.com](mailto:compassionfund@jjill.com), website:  
[www.jjill.com/jjillonline/compassion/community.aspx?BID=S2009314121642C9E756B7F2D94B39A36AB7&h=M&sk=M](http://www.jjill.com/jjillonline/compassion/community.aspx?BID=S2009314121642C9E756B7F2D94B39A36AB7&h=M&sk=M)

## FOUNDATION PROFILE

### BJ's Charitable Foundation

#### Grants for Community Programs

- Program:** Established with the goal of creating a positive, long-lasting impact on the communities BJ's serves, the mission of BJ's Charitable Foundation is to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The majority of grants support organizations that provide the following services to those in need:
- hunger prevention,
  - self-sufficiency,
  - health care, and
  - education.

*Hunger:* The foundation will give support to nonprofits that work to alleviate hunger through the purchase of food, supplies, and additional resources necessary to feed those in need, and will disburse funding to agencies including shelters, food banks, soup kitchens, and food pantries. BJ's will support the purchase of food as well as food programs.

*Self-Sufficiency:* Over the last decade, the country has seen a rise in the number of reported homeless families and studies have shown that these families are more likely to become self-sufficient by first having a safe place to sleep and then access to other support services. The foundation will support nonprofits that work toward the self-sufficiency of their clients. Grants will fund enhancement of shelter programs and purchase of supplies and clothing for residents, as well as programming that offers families safety.

*Health:* The foundation will fund organizations that work on providing health care to those who would not normally have access. Funding will be disbursed to agencies providing supplies to free medical clinics and health prevention services, as well as supplies for vision, dental, and hearing screenings.

*Education:* BJ's will support nonprofits that provide academic and vocational opportunities for the disadvantaged. These programs include the purchase of supplies for literacy skills, mentoring, tutoring, and career development.

**Funds:** Total funds available: approximately \$1 million annually  
**Deadline:** Quarterly, with deadlines in January, April, July, and October  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and public organizations  
**Information:** BJ's Charitable Foundation, Post Office Box 9614, One Mercer Road, Natick, MA 01760, website: [www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml](http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml)